



# News

## of the Iowa Mission District of the North American Lutheran Church

[www.iowamissiondistrict.com](http://www.iowamissiondistrict.com)

August 2022

### *A Word from the Dean*

**"God will not let you be tested beyond your strength."**

(1 Corinthians 10:13b)

This quotation from the Bible is one of those I hear quoted often. Sometimes I hear it from people who are trying to encourage someone (like myself) who seems to need some encouraging. Other times I hear it from someone who is himself or herself currently in the throes of some crisis or series of crises, and then usually the words are accompanied by a sort of grimace of resignation or doubt. In cases like this, these words of scripture aren't all that encouraging, as they are meant to be, instead seeming like a scolding to shape up our attitude. This is the sort of scolding that is akin to one of my favorite parenting quotations I heard as a child, and maybe even used as a father: "Stop your crying, or I'll give you something to cry about!"

The fact is that these words from St. Paul are actually intended to encourage, however. But they can only do their encouraging work if they are placed within their proper context. In other words, there's much more to this verse than the part you always hear quoted. The first hint of this is the little letter "b" that appears at the end of the citation: This "b" means that there are words in the verse that come before the quote part. When the first part of verse 13 is added, it says: "*No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength.*" Take a look at this first part: "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone." What this is saying is that human life is full of struggles. And even

if it seems as though your particular combination of struggles (physical or relational or mental or spiritual, etc.) is worse than that of anyone else, the simple truth is, it isn't. That old spiritual, "Nobody knows the troubles I've seen," misses the mark, when it comes to the issue of human suffering. If ever you doubt this, spend some time on a cancer floor or burn unit, or consider the squalid living conditions of those born into abject poverty. No one is immune from suffering.

But still, where is the encouragement? This still feels like a scold. And again, you need to know that there still more to this verse: part "c" if you would. The whole verse goes like this. "*No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.*"

With the testing God provides the way out. This way out can take many forms, but the promise is that the way out is there. And one prime "way out" has already been mentioned. Remember, "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone." In other words, God provides us with each other, each of whom has endured times of testing and struggle not terribly unlike your own, to be sources of encouragement and prayer and counsel to provide us a way out. God is faithful.

*Pastor Christopher Staley, Dean,  
Iowa Mission District, NALC*



## Bringing Hope

*Pr. Ryan Henkel  
Emmons Lutheran Church  
Emmons, Minnesota*

This past month, the Iowa Mission District Youth went down to Grand Isle, Louisiana, to aid in the disaster relief efforts of rebuilding people's homes from last summer's hurricane Ida. With great anticipation and enthusiasm, the youth and adults arrived on the scene, but the island was still ravaged by the effects of the hurricane over 11 months ago which gripped our hearts with sadness. We asked ourselves, "how can it be that is almost a year later and there are still buildings left in a pile of rubble and debris." It was as if the hurricane had just happened the previous week. It was then that we knew that we were bringing so much more to these families than rebuilding their homes, we were bringing them hope.

The stories that were shared with us upon our arrival were captivating. Father Mark, the priest of Our Lady of the Isle Catholic Church, who hosted us for the week, shared with us the story of the Sanctuary being hit by hurricane Ida. First, the narthex roof ripped off the building allowing the wind and rain to ravage the inside of the Sanctuary. This pushed out the altar wall and shattered the stain-glassed window behind the crucifix into a million pieces. The wind pounded against the cross, banging it against the back wall, leaving visible markings. But all the while, the crucifix remained fully intact and unscathed, which still hung on to the chains from the ceiling in the wake after the storm. Father Mark said that "the cross was visible sign that God was still with them even in the midst of this storm." There was hope.

Working at each of the job sites over the course of the week brought forth challenges amongst themselves but the word that still rang throughout was hope. We were physically, emotionally, and spiritually, bringing them all hope. Hope for a better future, hope for a secure future that they can no longer worry about each daunting task that they barely had time to do. And as we shared our stories with each other, we wept with them as they shared their struggles with us.



It is all too often that we pay attention to a certain situation when the news media is covering the stories and headlines but what about when the media has packed up and headed home? It was 11 months ago that hurricane Ida made landfall, and some of the families were just getting the help that they so desperately needed. It reminds me of one of my favorite Scriptures: "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31) Yes, these families waited for a time, but they waited for the Lord to renew their strength. And my prayer is that we have brought them the hope that can only be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

## Rochester, MN

A large group of people, including a priest, are seated in a rustic wooden building, waving enthusiastically. The building has a high wooden ceiling and large windows looking out onto a green landscape.

**Area Assistant to the Bishop**  
**The Reverend Jess Abbott**



The AAB for our area—the Midwestern Area—is the Reverend Jess Abbott. Pastor Abbott supports the Bishop’s pastoral connection to Mission District Deans, and assists the Deans in their ministry to Mission District pastors and congregations. The current list of responsibilities for the AAB include serving as a liaison to Bishop Selbo, providing pastoral care to the deans, helping with developing internship sites, assisting deans with finding pastoral coverage for congregations without a pastor, and a variety of other duties that may arise, including installations.

In addition to serving as the AAB for the Midwestern District, Pastor Abbott has also been appointed by Bishop Selbo to serve as the Military Endorsing Agent for all NALC clergy who currently serve in the U.S. or Canadian military. If any pastor or seminarian is interested in serving as a Chaplain in the military they can contact him at [militaryendorser@thenalc.org](mailto:militaryendorser@thenalc.org).



### **St. John Western-Douglas Plainfield, Iowa**

*Pastor Kim Thacker, pastor at St John's Lutheran, retired on June 26th. The congregation honored Pastor Thacker with a celebration party in the fellowship hall. Present for his last Sunday at St. John's were Pastor Kim's wife, Karen, and their family, as well as members of the congregation.*



### **Joint VBS Faith Lutheran, Monona Marion Lutheran, Gunder Norway Lutheran, St. Olaf**



*Faith Lutheran of Monona, Marion Lutheran of Gunder, and Norway Lutheran of St. Olaf held a Joint VBS on July 18 - 20. We met at Norway Lutheran with 43 children and 16 adult and youth leaders taking part. We had a wonderful time studying God's Word, singing songs, doing crafts, snacks, and games and meeting new friends. On Wednesday afternoon we went to Osborne Nature Center for a picnic and to see the animals and exhibits and enjoy the warmth and beauty of an Iowa summer!*





## **“On The Road Again”: Mission Ministry With Pastor James Puotyual**

*by Pastor Diane Joseph and Pastor Donna Joseph*

Who would ever think that Pastor James would find a special ministry here in the U.S.A. to the Sudanese Americans. Well, the Lord did!

Over a year ago Pastor Diane Joseph and Pastor Donna Joseph (twins) were called upon by Pastor Marshall Hahn (then Dean of the Iowa District NALC) to visit and bring Holy Communion to Pastor James and his wife Nyandit. Pastor James was recuperating from a very serious illness and is now on Kidney Dialysis three days a week and is prayerfully hoping for a Kidney Transplant. They were so concerned as he was so weak, but thanks be to God Pastor James is now doing fairly well. He hopes to one day return with his dear wife Nyandit to Ethiopia to minister to the Sudanese refugees, but the Lord, at this point, has other ministry plans for Pastor James.



*Pastor James Puotyual with Pastors Diane and Donna Joseph.*

In the midst of going to Kidney Dialysis Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as periodic check-ups at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota; Pastor James has managed to do quite a bit of mission work for the Sudanese American community. He even has witnessed to Muslim Sudanese!



Here is a summary of his busy schedule:

- We are blessed to have Pastor James participate in our Sunday Worship Services at Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church, which touches our hearts for mission work. Pastor and his wife occasionally sing a Sudanese Hymn in their native tongue accompanied by Pastor Donna on drum. Each Sunday we look forward to Pastor James reading the Holy Gospel and the Benediction in Nuer, his mother tongue.
- During the Summer months Pastor James leads weekly Bible Study at “The Well” Covenant Church in Des Moines. Their Bible Study leader is on vacation during the summer months and so the Sudanese community invited him to lead their studies.
- The Association of Sudanese Christians made up of Lutherans, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics and other Denominations, worship monthly at Capital Lutheran Church in Des Moines. A beautiful Christmas Mass was held at Capital Lutheran and Pastor James was invited to preach. There were 350 in attendance. Pastor James preaches at each monthly Worship Service. There are 150-200 Sudanese who attend regularly.
- Outside of Des Moines Pastor James travels to Omaha, Nebraska and to Minnesota. About four months ago Pastor was called by a Sudanese friend to officiate at a funeral. The friend's twenty-one year old son was murdered by a gang. Over Four Hundred Sudanese people attended the Funeral. Some were Lutheran, others from various Christian denominations, as well non-believers, and those of the Muslim faith. This tragic event was an opportunity for the Gospel to be shared, to bring comfort, hope, and saving faith to all.
- Pastor James has conducted two other Memorial Services in Omaha, Nebraska. Both Memorial Services were attended by over 400 hundred Sudanese people. Again, some of these individuals were Lutheran and other Christian denominations. Some of the Sudanese were unchurched and others



were Muslim. What a blessing of grace for all to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

- This August, Pastor James will conduct another Memorial Service in Omaha, Nebraska. His 60-year-old uncle died alone in his home. Sadly, his body was discovered by the police two days after his passing. Pastor James is expecting over 250 Sudanese people. They will receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit through the Holy Gospel.
- This past May in Mankato, Minnesota, Pastor James conducted a wedding for his friend's daughter. While Pastor James and his wife Nyandit were in the refugee camp in Ethiopia, he befriended this man. How exciting that years later, he would officiate at the daughter's wedding! Over 550 Sudanese attended this blessed event! Again, some of the people were Lutheran, other Christian denominations, non-believers as well as Muslims. A wedding is such a marvelous opportunity to hear about the Church's Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.



*Pastor James and his wife Nyandit with their daughter between them and their son to the right.*

Why is it that Pastor James is popular in the Sudanese community? He is loved and trusted because he is from the Nuer tribe. In Sudan the Nuer tribe is predominantly Christian. However, the Nuer people are in the minority. The majority of the people in Sudan are of the Moslem tribe, Dinka. The president of Sudan is Moslem. The Christian community suffers much persecution at the hands of the Moslem Dinka tribe. Interestingly, when Moslems have attended the various services as mentioned above, they may be of the Dinka tribe. However, they are respectful of the Christian community and do not side with the radical Islamic Dinkas. We hope and pray that these kind people will come to a saving faith in Jesus through Pastor James' loving witness and preaching.

Without a doubt, Pastor James is loved by the Sudanese community of faith. The non-Christian community respects him, and as such, is hearing the Good News of salvation from Pastor James. We of Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church are thrilled that Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is preached to the ends of the earth right here in Des Moines, Omaha, and Minnesota. Pastor loves the ministry the Lord has given to him. **"I LOVE it"** Pastor James said to Pastor Diane.

Pastor James is just happy being "On The Road Again" for the Lord.

*(Editor's note: As many in our Mission District are aware, Pastor James has been on our prayer list as he awaits a kidney for his transplant. The Mission District also has a special fund set up to assist with the extra costs involved with the surgery. Please continue to pray for Pastor James and his wife, Nyandit, and their family.)*





## Here I Stand Confession and Conviction: Our Very Hearts

As we read from the many writings of Martin Luther, we find not only his devotion to Holy Scripture as a whole, but also a deep and abiding appreciation of the book of Psalms. In his Preface to the Psalter he writes:

*“The Psalter ought to be a precious and beloved book, if for no other reason than this: it promises Christ’s death and resurrection so clearly—and pictures his kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom—that it might well be called a little Bible. In it is comprehended most beautifully and briefly everything that is in the entire Bible.... It presents to us not the simple, ordinary speech of the saints, but the best of their language, that which they used when they talked with God himself in great earnestness and on the most important matters. Thus the Psalter lays before us not only their words instead of their deeds, but their very hearts and the inmost treasure of their souls, so we can look down to the foundation and source of their words and deeds.... Hence it is that the Psalter is the book of all saints; and everyone, in whatever situation he may be, finds in that situation psalms and words that fit his case, that suit him as if they were put there just for his sake, so that he could not put it better himself, or find or wish for anything better.”* (Luther’s Works, Volume 35: pp. 254, 255, 256)

However, this great love Luther had for the Psalms came only after much struggle and prayer. As a monk, he had prayed the Psalms in his daily prayer life with other monks. He knew the Psalter well. But in his early years, he found it a painful reminder of his failure to attain the righteousness the Lord demanded. In the book, Martin Luther, The Formative Years, Barend Klaas Kuiper describes Luther’s early anxiety about the Psalter and the turning point in Luther’s understanding of this precious book. It happened after Luther received his Doctor of Theology degree. As a biblical professor at the University of Wittenberg, he was required to lecture on the Psalms and the Epistles. His first course on the Psalms was in the summer of 1513, and as he began his preparations, he hit a major roadblock: nearly all the Psalms spoke of the righteousness of God. *“For Luther understood by the righteousness of God his punishing righteousness.”* (page 108) Luther was compelled to

deal with this painful and difficult barrier in his personal faith before he could teach the Psalms to his students. He needed to know exactly how this punishing righteousness demanded by God fit together with the Gospel message of God’s mercy and forgiving love.

Finally, Luther turned to the Apostle Paul. In Romans 1:16 Luther read, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith....”* But the following verse still disturbed him, *“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, ‘He who through faith is righteous shall live.’”* His big breakthrough finally came a few weeks later when, turning again to Paul, Luther read, *“....as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”* (p. 115) This same message—found also in Habakkuk 2:4 and Galatians 3:11—which at first Luther had understood as requiring his personal achievement, suddenly was revealed to him as the righteousness of God conferred upon him by his faith in Christ. From that point on, *“The way to the understanding of the Psalms and of all Scripture had been opened to him. Roman’s 1:17 had become for him ‘the gate to Paradise.’”* (page 116)

Luther always read the Psalms, as well as the whole Bible, from the Christian perspective—that the entire Bible embodies Christ. This is why he is able to say in his preface to the Psalter that the Psalms might well be called “a little Bible”. The struggles of the ancient people of God who wrote the prayers we find in the book of Psalms are reflected in the struggles of Luther as he sought to live in love and obedience to the Lord. They are also our struggles. To love the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind is a call to total commitment to the Lord, and often a difficult and challenging journey. While it is not our efforts that save us, the relationship our Lord Jesus calls us to claims our whole being—our very hearts. We are able to confidently trust the Lord and follow Christ only because we know that He has won the battle against “sin, death and the devil” for us and bestows on His beloved children the gift of righteousness. May we read—and pray—the ancient prayers of God’s people with the confidence that in Christ we have been redeemed from sin and are embraced by the steadfast and eternal love of God!

*Pastor Barbara M. Wills*

# Stuff the Truck

NALC Disaster Response needs your help!

Please bring your prayers and support to



Zion Lutheran Church  
1901 Rolling Street  
Ruthven Iowa  
Saturday, August 27  
8:00 am – 3:45 pm



## How to pack your donations:

- Pack completed kits in sturdy boxes (not overly large)
- Do your best to not mix kits in a box. I.E., health kits in one box, school kits in one box, etc.
- Label content and quantity in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS and place labels on at least one end and one side of the box so the contents will be visible regardless of how box is stacked in warehouse.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says: A GIFT FROM (Church/group name and address).



*Women of Faith Lutheran, Monona, and the Health Kits they have recently assembled for NALC Disaster Response.*



# Announcements

## Upcoming Events

**August 5-6**—NALC online convocation. Register at <https://thenalc.org/event/2022-online-mission-convocation/?preview=true>. The cost is \$25, and the meetings will be from 5-8 pm on Friday the 5th and noon-3 pm on Saturday the 6th.

**August 27, 2022**—Iowa Mission District Convocation at Zion Lutheran, Ruthven, IA. The registration form can be found near the end of this newsletter. Nominations are also needed for Mission District Secretary, lay Council member and Clergy council member. That form is also found near the end of the newsletter.

**October 8, 2022**—9 am—Iowa Mission District Council meeting.

## Please Pray for:

**Pastor James Puotyual** who is awaiting a kidney transplant.

**Pastor James Glesne** who is undergoing treatments for Multiple Myeloma.

**Amy Cooper** and her family as she continues to deal with cancer.

When sending **correspondence** to the NALC please use the following address:

NALC Office  
2655 Innsbruck Drive, Suite A  
New Brighton, MN 55112-9304

Please send **donations** to this address:

North American Lutheran Church  
PO Box 860565  
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565

## Donations and Correspondence

Checks sent to the Mission District for support should be made out to the ***Iowa Mission District, NALC***, and mailed to Pastor Gary Burkhalter at **312 E Mission St, Strawberry Point, IA 52076**.

Correspondence for Mr. Craig Lease, Mission District Secretary, should be sent to **405 7th St. N., Northwood, IA 50459**

Items for the Mission District newsletter (pictures, news, etc.) are best sent via e-mail to Pastor Barbara Wills at [barbaramwills@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramwills@gmail.com).

# Iowa Mission District Convocation Registration

**Saturday, August 27, 2022**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, Ruthven, Iowa**

The 2022 annual Convocation of the Iowa Mission District will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, Ruthven, Iowa, on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Our theme is “Hope”, and we are pleased to have Eric Riesen, North American Lutheran Seminary President as our keynote speaker. The Convocation is our opportunity to gather as brothers and sisters in Christ for the purpose of fellowship, worship, learning and sharing of ideas and to hear up-dates on the work and mission of the NALC. We also will have a business session to conduct the necessary business of the Mission District. As you prepare for the convocation, please be thinking of nominations for *Secretary (either Clergy or Lay), Lay representative and Clergy representative*. Each is for a three year term. A nomination form will be included in this month’s Iowa Mission District News. Please get permission from the nominees before submitting their names. The nominees will need to complete the nomination form and mail it to Mission District Secretary, Craig Lease (405 7<sup>th</sup> Street N., Northwood, IA).

## **Please Note:**

According to Article 4.01 of the IA- MD Constitution: “***Delegates with voting privileges at a Convocation shall be the ordained ministers of the NALC within the territory of this Mission District and [two] lay delegates from the member congregations***”. In addition, we strongly encourage congregational participation beyond the delegates—visitors are welcome! There is no cost for the event other than a free-will offering for lunch. A worship offering will also be taken and designated to a worthy domestic or international cause. The day will begin at 8:00 am with registration and a time for fellowship with coffee and refreshments. A service of Holy Communion will begin at 9:00, and the closing of the convocation will be at 3:45 pm.

Junior High and High School youth are also encouraged to attend the convocation. It is hoped that we can have youth attendees on a regular basis to promote their interest and involvement in the Church beyond their home congregations.

To help with planning, and so that we may have appropriate name tags for **delegates and visitors**, we ask that you fill out the registration form below and mail to **Kathy Scharnhorst, Registrar, at 1594 Garden Avenue, Waverly, IA 50677**. It is most helpful in keeping track of registrations if each person being registered is listed on a separate sheet. If you wish to submit your registrations via email, please fill out the form and send the information as an attachment to **kscharnhorst51@gmail.com**.

***(Please fill out a separate form for each person.)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or email: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation & Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Visitor \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_



## Biographical Information of Nominee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which you are being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Member at: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us something about yourself (*family, hobbies, etc.*)

---

---

---

---

How do you understand your faith?

---

---

---

---

How have you been active in the church?

---

---

---

---

Please list one of your favorite Bible verses and tell why it has meaning for you.

---

---

---

---

Please sign below to indicate you are willing to serve if elected and mail this completed form to:

*Mr. Craig Lease, Secretary  
Iowa Mission District, NALC  
405 7<sup>th</sup> Street N.  
Northwood, IA 50459*

---

Signature

## ***Congregations of the Iowa Mission District***

Ackley: **Our Saviour's**, Dan Buhs, Lay Minister  
Avoca: **Trinity**, Call Process  
Badger: **Badger Lutheran**, Pr. Scott Meier  
Boyden: **St. John**, Pr. Mark Jamison  
Des Moines: **Unity Evangelical Lutheran**,  
Pr. Donna Joseph; Pr. Diane Joseph  
Dorchester: **Waterloo Ridge**,  
Pr. Bill Odermann; Pr. Diane Odermann  
Eagle Grove: **Evangelical Lutheran**, Pr. Jason Cooper  
Eagle Grove: **Samuel Lutheran**, Call Process  
Ellsworth: **Trinity**, Pastor Jon Rollefson  
Emmons, MN: **Emmons**, Pastor Ryan Henkel  
Gilmore City: **First**, Tracy Nerem, Lay Minister  
Grafton: **Emmanuel**, Call Process  
(Pr. David Schafer, Interim)  
Greene: **St. John (Vilmar)**, Call Process  
Gunder: **Marion**, Pr. Marshall Hahn  
Harlan: **Bethlehem**, Pr. Ronald Rasmussen  
+Huxley: **Shepherd of the Prairie**,  
Scott Licht, Lay Minister  
Irwin: **St. Paul**, Pr. Ronald Rasmussen  
Laurens: **Bethany**, Pr. David Klappenbach  
Manchester: **First**, Pr. Tony D. Ede  
+Monona, **Faith**: Pr. Mel Harris  
Northwood: **Peace**, Pr. Barbara Wills  
Palmer: **St. John's Lizard Township**,  
Marlene Nimke, Lay Minister  
Plainfield: **St. John**, Call Process  
Readlyn: **St. Matthew**, Pr. Jean Rabary  
Readlyn: **Zion**, Pr. Jean Rabary  
Robins: **Servants of Christ**, Pr. Ronald Voss  
+Rochester, MN: **Emmanuel**—Call Process  
Ruthven: **Zion**, Eric Patten, Lay Minister  
St. Ansgar: **First**, Pr. Christopher Staley  
+St. Charles, MN: **Trinity**, Pr. Douglas Hedman  
St. Olaf: **Norway**, Pr. Marshall Hahn  
Sheldon: **St. Paul**, Pr. Dan Baker  
Spencer: **Trinity**, Pr. Renae Behrends  
Strawberry Pt.: **Mission in Christ**, Pr. Gary Burkhalter  
Thor: **Ullensvang**, Pr. Darryl Landsverk  
Waterville: **Old East Paint Creek**, Pr. Ken Kimball  
Waukon: **Old West Paint Creek**, Pr. Ken Kimball

+ indicates mission congregation



### **Iowa Mission District Leadership**

Pastor Christopher Staley Dean—

[cbstaley@netins.net](mailto:cbstaley@netins.net)

Craig Lease, Secretary—

[pdlease@gmail.com](mailto:pdlease@gmail.com)

Pastor Burkhalter, Treasurer—

[pqburkhalter52@hotmail.com](mailto:pqburkhalter52@hotmail.com)

### **Mission District Council Members:**

Pastor Ronald Rasmussen—

[bigras73@fmctc.com](mailto:bigras73@fmctc.com)

Pastor Tony D. Ede—

[tonyede@gmail.com](mailto:tonyede@gmail.com)

Pastor David Klappenbach—

[klappenbach98@rpt.coop](mailto:klappenbach98@rpt.coop)

Chris Schlee—

[schleemasonry@hotmail.com](mailto:schleemasonry@hotmail.com)

Lyle Hollander

[hollander@frontiernet.net](mailto:hollander@frontiernet.net)

Dean Armstrong—

[idedarmy@laurens-ia.com](mailto:idedarmy@laurens-ia.com)

### **Disaster Response Coordinator:**

Betty Burkhalter

[bettyburkhalter@hotmail.com](mailto:bettyburkhalter@hotmail.com)

### **Mission District Registrar**

Kathy Scharnhorst

[kscharnhorst51@gmail.com](mailto:kscharnhorst51@gmail.com)

### **Mission District Communicator**

(newsletter editor/web master):

Pastor Barbara Wills—

[barbaramwills@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramwills@gmail.com)

*The Iowa Mission District  
has 37 congregations.*

### **Pastors available for pulpit supply:**

Pastor James Glesne—563-380-8110

Pastor Jack Miller—507-798-2408

Pastor Paul Weeg- -641-381-0675

Pastor Mike Wikstrom—480-203-1556 (LCMC)

Pastor Solveig Zamzow—641-903-9416

Pastor Tim Nappe is also available for pulpit supply. His primary focus is his ministry with "Reaching the Unreached", and he will share information about this mission work whenever he does pulpit supply for a congregation.

Contact information: 712-331-4245. Or email at [pastortim.milford@gmail.com](mailto:pastortim.milford@gmail.com)

***The Iowa Mission District website may be found at: [www.iowamissiondistrict.com](http://www.iowamissiondistrict.com). If your congregation has a web site, and you would like to have the web address linked to your church name on the Mission District web site, please send the web address to me, Pastor Barbara Wills, at [barbaramwills@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramwills@gmail.com).***

